

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the City of Rising Sun on the occasion of its bicentennial anniversary.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating
2 the City of Rising Sun on the occasion of its bicentennial anniversary.

3 *Whereas, The land surrounding present-day Ohio County, Indiana*
4 *was originally a hunting ground for many Native American tribes. The*
5 *land's elevation above the Ohio River made it particularly disease-*
6 *free, and wildlife flourished. These qualities appealed to both Native*
7 *Americans and European settlers alike;*

8 *Whereas, Documentation of settlers prior to the Northwest*
9 *Ordinance becoming official is difficult, due to the lack of troops to*
10 *provide protection. The first documented settlers were members of the*
11 *family of Samuel Fulton, an uncle to steamboat inventor Robert*
12 *Fulton;*

13 *Whereas, In 1814, John James of Fredericksburg, Maryland,*
14 *journeyed to the area and purchased a large tract of land from Colonel*
15 *Benjamin Chambers, who had acquired the land while conducting the*
16 *original survey for the Northwest Ordinance. John James and his son,*
17 *Pinckney, surveyed the land and platted what was to be Rising Sun. In*
18 *1816, John James registered the town of Rising Sun;*

19 *Whereas, Various legends claim credit for the naming of the town*
20 *of Rising Sun, but most attribute the name to the beautiful daybreak*
21 *that one may witness from the hills overlooking the Ohio River;*

22 *Whereas, The small town grew rapidly, growing to a population*
23 *of 700 by 1816. A large German community formed, and other settlers*
24 *came too, looking for new homes and opportunities;*

25 *Whereas, Trade and commerce in the town flourished during the*



1 *1830s and 1840s. Rising Sun began producing steamboats, plows, and*
 2 *many other goods, which were shipped on the Ohio River to many port*
 3 *cities. Rising Sun quickly grew a reputation as one of the great cities*
 4 *in the north because of the large amount of goods coming out of the*
 5 *city. During this time, the population of Rising Sun grew to*
 6 *approximately 2,500;*

7 *Whereas, In 1844, partially due to a "clerical error," the new Ohio*
 8 *County, with Rising Sun as the county seat, successfully separated*
 9 *from Dearborn County. In 1845, the present Ohio County courthouse*
 10 *was built entirely by donation. The courthouse remains the oldest*
 11 *courthouse in continuous operation in the State of Indiana;*

12 *Whereas, Around the same time, the "iron horse" was invented,*
 13 *which allowed for the shipping of goods inland. The locomotive was*
 14 *not dependent upon seasonal changes and depths of rivers. As the*
 15 *locomotive became the predominant method of moving goods, Rising*
 16 *Sun, still dependent on river traffic for the shipment of goods, began*
 17 *to lose many of the businesses that had lead to its growth; and*

18 *Whereas, Without a rail line, Rising Sun settled into a sleepy*
 19 *existence. However, several small family-owned businesses still*
 20 *flourish in the town, which retains its quaint beauty and welcoming*
 21 *Hoosier hospitality: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

24 *SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and*
 25 *congratulates the City of Rising Sun on the occasion of its bicentennial*
 26 *anniversary.*

27 *SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to send*
 28 *copies of this Resolution to Branden Roeder, Mayor of the City of*
 29 *Rising Sun.*

